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# Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 3 p.m.

# House of Representatives

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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we thank You for giving

us another day.

Send Your spirit upon the Members of this people's House to encourage them in their official tasks. As the Members approach the votes they are to make today, may they be imbued

with courage and leadership that looks

to the health and vibrancy of our great

Assure them that in the fulfillment of their responsibilities, You provide the grace to enable them to be faithful in their duties, and the wisdom to be conscious of their obligations and fulfill them with integrity.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentle-woman from California (Ms. MAXINE WATERS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## COMMEMORATING THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIRTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the birthday of a monumental figure in our Nation's history, Thomas Jefferson.

Jefferson, who was our third President, was the principal author of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, and is known as one of the country's founding farmers—Founding Fathers. He was a founding farmer also.

Today marks the 275th anniversary of his birth. He played a monumental role in shaping American politics.

While his legacy is not without complication, Thomas Jefferson projected a down-to-Earth attitude and desired to be seen as a common man.

An intellectual, architect, philosopher, musician, and essayist, he was anything but common.

He founded the University of Virginia in 1819. The university has kept the Jeffersonian values—discussion, collaboration, and enlightenment—relevant today. Its mission is to develop tomorrow's leaders and to ensure that they are well prepared to help shape the future of the Nation and the world.

Students in Charlottesville will use Founder's Day to reflect on Thomas Jefferson's legacy and also acknowledge the growth that has been made in its history.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, we remember a Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson, and all the contributions he made to this great Nation.

## LOYOLA CHICAGO RAMBLERS REACH NCAA FINAL FOUR

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Loyola University Chicago Ramblers on their roller coaster dance to the Final Four at this year's men's basketball NCAA tournament.

This is an incredible team, boasting players who showed great skill on the court and hard work studying off the court.

No one can forget Sister Jean, who was a centerpiece of Loyola's Cinderella story. Her selflessness, service to others, and love for the Loyola men's basketball team gave the Nation hope and joy throughout the tournament. At 98, Sister Jean has never

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